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Open House Meetings Will Help Decide the Future of Gateway Visitors Continue to Offer Their Ideas at Popular Gatherings

WHAT: Informal, open house meetings to give the public the opportunity to contribute their ideas as the National Park Service builds the new Gateway General Management Plan.

WHERE/ **Floyd Bennett Field Ranger Station, Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York**
WHEN: Wednesday, September 23 from 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, Cross Bay Boulevard, Queens, New York
Sunday, September 27 from 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.

WHO: The Gateway Superintendent, and program specialists from natural resource management, cultural resource management, and visitor services.

Background

A General Management Plan (GMP) is the document that guides a National Park's significant management decisions and therefore the future direction of the park; a GMP serves the park for approximately 20 years. How the park cares for its natural and cultural resources, and what recreational opportunities are available to visitors will all be influenced by the new plan. The National Park Service strongly encourages the public to take an active role in developing the new GMP by participating in open house meetings, and by offering feedback through e-mail communications or through an online process. The Gateway GMP is a multi-year project that will not be completed until summer, 2012, a timetable that gives the public ample opportunities to offer ideas and comments on draft plans as they develop.

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